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PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 3644

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004, currently due February 8, 2005, pursuant to a petition for a one-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of the paper.

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